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**SACRAMENTO UPDATE – LEGISLATIVE OBJECTIVES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
BOND PROPOSALS**

As part of the FY 2006-07 Proposed Budget, Governor Schwarzenegger introduced a Strategic Growth Plan to address infrastructure needs at the State and local levels. Infrastructure proposals were also introduced by Senate Pro Tem Don Perata and Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez.

In coordination with the Sheriff, Fire Chief and the Departments of Beaches and Harbors, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Regional Planning and the Community Development Commission, we prepared the attached legislative objectives to enable the County's Sacramento Advocates to pursue the County's interests.

These legislative objectives are consistent with our Board-approved State Legislative Agenda, and would enable us to support measures that allocate or increase funding to address the County's critical infrastructure needs. This list of objectives can be augmented or modified as necessary. Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will work with the Administration, Legislature, local governments and other organizations to pursue infrastructure bond proposals consistent with these objectives and the State Legislative Agenda.

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Additionally, in coordination with departments and your offices, we are developing a list of County projects which our Sacramento advocates will pursue in the enactment of bond-related legislation.

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State Infrastructure Bond

Legislative Objectives

Overall Objectives

1. Support bond measures that address critical existing and future County infrastructure needs.
2. Support bond measures that allocate funds to local governments on a per capita basis.
3. Support proposals for new programs that are fully funded and accompanied by decision-making authority at the local level.
4. Oppose infrastructure proposals that infringe upon County Board of Supervisors' local land use decision-making authority and reiterate that land use decisions must remain at the local level. Statewide goals and State intervention must be balanced against the preservation of local control.
5. Support proposals that increase funding for existing County programs or projects.
6. Support proposals that allocate funding for ongoing operational and maintenance costs for new bond funded projects.
7. Support proposals that permanently and equitably allocate funding to local agencies without impacting existing funding.
8. Oppose proposals that repeal the County's authority to issue bonds to address local issues.
9. Support proposals that allocate funding that minimizes or eliminates local match requirements for State and Federally funded projects, and oppose projects that require excessive local matching funds.

Program-specific Objectives

Air Quality:

1. Support grants to local air districts for reduction of emissions of both mobile and fixed sources.
2. Support proposals that return a greater share of funds to local areas which generate AB 2766 revenues, and provide greater flexibility to local programs to comply with air quality rules and regulations.

Courts:

1. Support funding to facilitate and expedite the transfer of trial court facilities from counties to the State to comply with the Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002, Chapter 1082, Statutes of 2002 (Local costs are estimated to be \$700 million). This would include funds for retrofit, repair, renovation, new construction of facilities.
2. Support proposals that limit or eliminate county liability for transferred court facilities.
3. Support proposals that exempt counties from State seismic standards as a condition to transfer court facilities to the State, if the building meets acceptable local standards.

Environmental Protection & Open Space:

1. Support funding for the acquisition, preservation, and restoration of local neighborhood, community and regional parks, coastal beaches and recreational areas.
2. Support funding for environmental protection programs and capital projects, including stormwater treatment and capture, resource, open space, and shoreline protection, as well as beach and habitat restoration.
3. Support funding for grants to local agencies for the acquisition and development of multi-purpose park projects that address resource protection, including stormwater capture and treatment, habitat preservation and water conservation.

Flood Control:

1. Support a Statewide, multi-level equitable funding approach for new flood management projects, mapping, system improvements, maintenance and operation of all flood mitigation efforts. This approach should allocate funding for local flood management activities and ensure that local jurisdictions retain significant decision-making authority over their use.
2. Support funding for new flood control projects including associated costs such as environmental fees, operation and maintenance.
3. Support provisions that allow funds to be used at the discretion of local agencies for flood control and water supply projects, including new projects, rehabilitation projects, and operation and maintenance.
4. Support authorization and funding for the Los Angeles County Drainage Area Project (AB 1147, Chapter 1071, Statutes of 2000) that conditions authorization on development of a multi-purpose project which, in addition to flood control, includes river restoration, wildlife and habitat restoration, or park and recreational features.

Hospitals:

Support funding for high priority County seismic retrofit projects required by the SB 1953 Seismic Retrofit Program, Chapter 740, Statutes of 1994. (Estimated County cost = \$175 million)

Land Use Planning/Housing:

1. Oppose provisions that would infringe on local jurisdiction land use regulatory authority, or transfer land use regulatory authority from local jurisdictions to a regional or State agency.
2. Oppose provisions that would establish authority for regional agencies to develop regional growth plans, require local jurisdictions to demonstrate consistency of the General Plan with the regional growth plan, and would make funding contingent upon demonstrated consistency with the regional growth plan.
3. Support provisions to fund affordable rental housing, first-time homebuyer assistance, farmworker homes, emergency shelters, supportive housing linked to services, and transitional and permanent homes for the homeless.

Parks, Beaches, Harbors & Recreation:

1. Support funding for per capita, specified allocation, and competitive grants to local agencies for the development, acquisition, restoration, and improvement of neighborhood, community and regional parks, special parks needs, coastal beaches and recreational areas.
2. Support provisions which include coastal beach facilities and beach improvements as eligible uses for appropriation of grant assistance to local agencies.
3. Support funding to local agencies for the development, restoration, and improvement of State park facilities administered by local agencies, including funding to improve and preserve the health and safety of State park facilities which are administered by local agencies.
4. Support funding by formula grant and specified allocation to local agencies for clean coastal beaches and protection of coastal resources.
5. Support funding to State and local land conservancies and non-profit land conservation organizations for the protection of land, habitat, air and water resources.
6. Support funding for beach erosion and accretion monitoring and for beach sand replenishment, including full funding of the California Public Beach Restoration Program, Chapter 748, Statutes of 1999.
7. Support funding for grants to local agencies for the protection and restoration of non-motorized trails, river parkways and urban streams, and implementation of urban forestry.
8. Support funding for grants to local agencies for the acquisition, development and preservation of historic and cultural resources.

Public Safety:

1. Support funding for the replacement of the County's aging communications system to ensure compliance with the Federal Communications Commission rules, and consolidation of law enforcement and emergency response systems. (Estimated County cost is \$673 million)
2. Support public safety bond proposals that involve counties and other local jurisdictions in the development of legislation for the expansion, renovation, replacement or reconstruction of county detention facilities and State adult and juvenile correction facilities.
3. Oppose any local jail bond funding proposals that would require counties to accept State prisoners as a condition for receiving state funds.
4. Support funding for the repair, renovation and remodeling of the County's five fire camps which are correctional facilities that house State adult inmates who assist in fighting fires on County, State and Federal lands under the supervision of State corrections officers and the direction of County Fire personnel.

Solid and Hazardous Waste:

1. Support funding for the development and operation of permanent centers for the collection of household hazardous waste, electronic waste, and other special waste.
2. Support funding for the development and implementation of new technologies for waste recovery and/or energy generation to reduce dependence on landfilling.

Transportation:

1. Support the maintenance of the existing State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) processes between the State and regional transportation planning agencies in the determination of new transportation project priorities.
2. Support the inclusion of funding for grade separations and local road improvement projects in any proposed Statewide infrastructure bond measure.
3. Support a Statewide infrastructure repair and expansion program that includes substantial funding for urban mass transit priorities in Los Angeles County and throughout California.
4. Support geographic equity in the distribution of transportation monies and ensure balance between State, regional, and local priorities, and the safety and preservation of the local transportation system.
5. Support proposals that would restore State match funding for seismic retrofit of local bridges.
6. Support funding to local agencies for enhancement and mitigation of adverse environmental effects of motor vehicles and their associated transportation infrastructure including the effects on stormwater runoff quality.

Water Supply:

1. Support funding to improve the reliability, quality, and security of drinking water supplies for the County.
2. Support funding for the State Water Resources Control Board's Water Recycling Construction Grant Program.
3. Support authorization and funding for regional water storage facilities including development and construction of regional ground water banks.

Watershed Management:

1. Support funding to local governments on a per capita basis for projects that link watershed management, environmental restoration, recreation, open space and coastal beach improvements.
2. Support funding on an equitable basis to regional water quality control boards for a scheduled allocation to local agencies for watershed protection measures and water quality improvements for public recreation.
3. Support funding to protect and improve the water quality of resource lands, including coastal waters, estuaries, bays, near shore waters, river, lakes, and wetland areas.